

determining if a translation of the communication to a second language is required by the recipient;

applying a translation program to the communication to generate a machine translation if a translation of the communication to a second language is required by a recipient;

determining if a human translation of the communication to the second language is required by the recipient;

applying a quotation program to the communication to generate a quotation for the human translation if the human translation of the communication to the second language is required by the recipient; and

— forwarding the communication and, if required, the machine translation and, if required, the quotation to the recipient.

13. (Once Amended) A system for automatic processing of a foreign language communication, the system comprising:

first means for sending a communication over a communications network;

second means for receiving said communication and identifying said communication as a foreign language communication;

third computer-implemented means for generating a quotation for human translation of said foreign language communication to a native language;

fourth means for generating a machine translation of the foreign language communication to the native language;

fifth means for forwarding said communication, said machine translation and said quotation to an intended recipient; and

sixth means for said intended recipient to receive said communication, said machine translation and said quotation.

19. (Once Amended) A computer in a networked computer environment, said computer programmed to perform the steps of:

receiving a communication from a sender in a first language;

identifying the communication as a foreign language communication;

determining if a translation of the communication to a native language is required by the recipient;

applying a translation program to the communication to generate a machine translation if a translation of the communication to a native language is required by a recipient;

determining if a human translation of the communication to the native language is required by the recipient;

applying a quotation program to the communication to generate a quotation for the human translation if the human translation of the communication to the native language is required by the recipient; and

forwarding the communication and, if required, the machine translation and, if required, the quotation to the recipient.

20. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:
the recipient formulating a response to the communication;
identifying the response as a native language response to the foreign language communication;
determining if a machine translation of the native language response to generate a foreign language response is required by the sender;
applying a machine translation program to the native language response to generate a foreign language response if required by the sender;
determining if a human translation of the native language response to generate a foreign language response is required by the sender;
if a human translation of the native language response to generate a foreign language response is required by the sender, applying a quotation program to the native language response to generate a quotation for the human translation; and
forwarding the foreign language response and, if required, the quotation, to the sender.

Please add new claim 23 as follows:

23. (New) A method for automatic processing of electronic communication including the steps of:
sending a communication from a sender in a first language;

identifying the communication as a foreign language communication;
applying a translation program to the communication to generate a machine translation;
applying a quotation program to the communication to generate a quotation for a human
translation; and
forwarding the communication, the machine translation, and the quotation to a recipient.